

**Lobdell-Bennett Lake Association Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Rick Kursik – President, Jen Dietrich - Vice President, Tod Fisher- Treasurer, Gloria Sprenger- Secretary

**District Reps in Attendance**

See sign in sheet dated June 29, 2022

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm**

In addition to the agenda were Sheriff BeGole- candidate for State Representative and Norm Schmidt, Argentine Township Treasurer

**Sheriff BeGole**

- \* Presented his position on what he would like to do if elected as a State Representative

**Norm Schmidt**

- \* Presented the overage(current balance) of the weed assessment fund just in Argentine Township - \$199,699
- \* State frowns upon such a high balance
- \* Proposed cutting the assessment in half for the riparians for 1 year
- \* Currently Assessments are \$109,200 per year
- \* Stages island owes \$13,020
- \* Assessments which include weed/dam operator/fish stocking
- \* 2020 - \$85,706
- \* 2021 - \$80,730
- \* Have not received invoice for 2022
- \* Assessments are 603 Homes , 15 Marina and 6 Motel for a total of 624
- \* Proposed the assessment to Heath Harbor to include \$175 on each side of the dock(\$350 total)
- \* A show of the majority of hands from the board approved the increase of the assessment
- \* Norm will take proposed increase to the Argentine Township Board
- \* Each dock at the harbor will be assessed \$350.00 within two years if approved by Argentine Township
- \* Only new marinas are required to have a license
- \* Heath's Harbor launches boats that park across the street from the harbor of which property they own
- \* Harbor is not limited to only launching of those boats but chooses to at this time
- \* There is a noise ordinance for boats that have their exhaust out of the water when in idle position
- \* Everyone was in agreement to have the police patrol and enforce this ordinance

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### **Secretary's Report - Gloria Sprenger**

Minutes were presented for the May 25, 2022 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report-Tod Fisher**

Report was presented by Tod Fisher and motion was made to approve as written. Motion passed.

### **President's Report-Rick Kursik**

- \* First meeting as President
- \* Change format for the meeting agenda - Robert's Rules of Order
- \* Would like to keep all meetings to (1) hour
- \* Bennett Lake Wetlands - EGLE has not taken any further action
- \* Owners are refusing to move the boathouse
- \* Nothing further to report on the Wetlands
- \* Jim Alchin has asked to take a break from his representative position
- \* President will go to Representative At Large after elections
- \* Lindsay Tecklenburg has been added to District 7 as a representative
- \* Donna Madigan has been added to District 4 as a representative

### **Vice-President's Report-Jennifer Dietrich**

- \* Much conversation on LBLA social media regarding structure on Lobdell Lake - Deerfield Twp
- \* Deerfield Township has stated that they have been inundated with calls regarding said structure
- \* Township will be in touch with the homeowner as well as contacting EGLE.
- \* President Kursik stated that the homeowner was in contact with him via telephone
- \* Homeowner stated he was not aware of any violations he may have committed and has not heard anything from/ about EGLE

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Lake Health Management**

#### **Weed Control- AJ Faught**

- \* Presented by Rick Kursik in AJ's absence
- \* Surveyed lake
- \* Update today with 13 acre touchup
- \* Facebook page shows map of updated area
- \* Matt F. is concerned about no weed treatment on Haviland Beach
- \* Believes we are not getting what we are paying for
- \* Dr. Pullman was contacted
- \* Rick K. will contact AJ and Dr. Pullman to get updated information

### Fish Habitat -Paul McEwen and John Varilek

- \* Nothing much new at this time
- \* Hopes to be able to get fish this year, unlike last year

### Dam Committee – Mike Gentry

- \* Doors are out
- \* All mechanisms out
- \* Mid August - coffer over spillway
- \* New control Mechanisms 2 weeks
- \* Have been very accurate meeting deadlines
- \* November time frame to complete dam
- \* Water is up a few inches

### Social Committee - Jen Dietrich, Viola Sprague, Gloria Sprenger

- \* Hosted Making Memorial Memories - thank you Donna Madigan for housing the band
- \* Hosted Bennett Bombastic Barbecue
  - Were able to reach out to a few riparians regarding association
- \* Hosted 4th of July “Proud to be an American” parade/boat decoration contest
  - Gift cards were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of \$125, \$75 and \$25 respectively
- \* Hope to have another band perform in August
- \* September will be house lighting and fireworks
- \* have (4) sponsorships

### Social Media - Viola Sprague(Per Rick Kursik)

- \* 425 members on Facebook Page
- \* Jim Vargo has provided email addresses of all active members

## **POLITICAL ACTION**

### Argentine Township

- \* Matt Frederick has volunteered to be liaison
- \* Fire hydrant - Silver Cove - need to get that working
- \* Fireworks are in order to proceed

### Deerfield Township

- \* Bob Dietrich and John Lescelius have volunteered to be LBLA liaisons
- \* There is a keyhole ordinance for Deerfield Township
- \* Need home address and MC numbers on boats to report to Deerfield
- \* Will send out letters and will take violator to court

## Budget and Finance - Tod Fisher

### Membership Jim Vargo

- \* 5 new members
- \* Over 25% active members
- \* Get anchored signs for membership presented by Marty
- \* Bruce Johnson offered to help Jim organize Excel sheet with township assessment list

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- \* Rick would like to have the Calendar meetings set for:
  - 2022 - July, August, September(Annual), December
  - 2023 - March, April May, June, July, August, September(Annual)October and December
- \* Contacted fish tournament coordinator about possible donations for fish stocking - no response
- \* Looking into receiving correspondence from EGLE re: permits that are honored/applied for on Lobdell and Bennett Lakes

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm  
Next meeting July, 27, 2022  
Argentine Township Hall – 7:00 pm